

COASTAL MANAGEMENT IN FLORIDA



The Florida Coastal Program's mission is to conserve and restore Florida's coastal, ocean and aquatic resources for the benefit of people and the environment.

Recent Actions in Support of the Coast

- Over 4 million acres of submerged land protected and actively managed for conservation, restoration and protection.
- Over twenty-two local government grants were started or completed in the last year throughout the state for public access, resilient communities, coastal stewardship, and working waterfronts projects.
- Over 100 individuals, representing more than 70 organizations, were engaged in collaborative meetings to identify key ecological indicators for submerged habitat.
- Since 2008, the Florida Coastal Management Program has helped 36 coastal communities increase their coastal resilience through technical and financial support.
- 2,680 hurricane impacted vessels were assessed resulting in the removal of 1,445 impacted vessels created by Irma with the leadership of the Florida Coastal Management Program (serving as Natural Resource Advisor Coordinators for 3 of the 4 US Coast Guard Branches and representing 36% of total Natural Resource Advisor Personnel)

Priorities Looking Ahead



The Florida Coastal Program manages 1,350 miles of urban, conservation, estuarine, and coastal land.

- The Florida Coastal Management Program will be working with local governments, regional planning councils and the state planning agency to help interested local governments develop resilience strategies such as adaptation action area plans and ordinances to address sea level rise and nuisance flooding community planning
- Statewide Ecosystem Assessment Program of Florida's Coastal Aquatic Managed Areas will assemble data from selected indicators and integrate it into a state-wide database and analyze to provide state-wide trends for the submerged land managed areas
- Develop and document, with local governments, a process to address hurricane debris removal and resource protection for future hurricane/ natural disaster events.

A State-Federal Partnership

Florida has participated in the National Coastal Zone Management Program since 1981. This state-federal partnership is essential to the continued health and economic growth of the state's coastal communities, businesses, and population.

FEDERAL FUNDS: \$2,836,714
STATE AND MATCHING FUNDS: \$2,168,000
TOTAL: \$5,004,714

ADDRESSING COASTAL HAZARDS IN FLORIDA



In response to the extensive incidents of derelict vessels after Hurricane Irma, submerged lands managers played a key role in environmental resource assessment of derelict vessel removal after for NOAA, USACE, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the Governor's Division of Emergency Management

The Florida Department of State (FDOS) is one of the networked partner agencies for the Coastal Management program. FDOS staff serves on the evaluation teams for the pass-through grants to both local government and to other state agencies. In addition, the FDOS has been a helpful partner in Florida's recent a closer review, as required by NOAA, of its current enforceable policies and the state internal procedures for federal consistency review of applications.



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